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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DIRLE, Diana

Serial Number: 10/826,066

Examiner: KEASEL, Eric S.

Filed: April 16, 2004 Group Art Unit: 3753

For: POWDER DISPENSER AND METHOD FOR PET CARE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop-Non Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2006. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner identified two distinct species. The Examiner required the applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The two species identified by the Examiner are:




- I) Species A. The embodiment shown in Fig. 2
- II) Species B. The embodiment shown in Fig. 11

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the applicant provisionally elects Species A- the embodiment shown in Fig. 2, with traverse. Applicant submits that the identified species are sufficiently related in nature such that a search of one group would necessarily cover the subject matter of the non- elected groups. It is understood that Species B will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file divisional applications on the subject matter of these species.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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